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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Michael J. Malanick
Acting Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Request for Continued Classification of Classified
Documents Over 30 Years Old

REFERENCE : Memorandum for DCI from Acting DDA dated 1 December
1977, same subject

1. Action Requested: Your signature is requested on the attached memorandum to the Archivist of the United States giving notice of your decision to continue classification of the OSS documents from Record Groups 38, 43, 51, 59, 74, 84, 85, 92, 107, 165, 169, 175, 208, 218, 226, 227, 238, 253, 260, 263, 289, 313, 319, 330, 331, 332, 334, 338, 353, 373, and 407. Classification is to be extended until 31 December 2020.

2. Background: In response to your note on reference memorandum, the following provides details on the extension of classification to the year 2020 for these Office of Strategic Services records:

a. This decision to extend protection to the OSS documents in question is based on an agreement between CIA and the National Archives. Basically, the agreement states that the sensitive intelligence sources and methods contained in the records of OSS should be granted protection for a period of 75 years from the end of World War II; hence, the date of 2020. This period was designated as sufficient to protect both the sources and their immediate kin from personal jeopardy which might result from declassification and release of these documents.

b. I assure you that the review of these documents was done conscientiously and the recommendation to continue classification was not arbitrary. Of the massive volume of OSS material reviewed, approximately 90 percent was declassified. Thus, the documents represented on the forms are the small percentage considered to be truly sensitive; and, they warrant continued protection.

c. Also, you should be aware that the Agency has forwarded similar forms to NARS in the past requesting continued classification until 2020. In all of these cases, they have agreed with our determinations and have accepted our decision without question.

3. Recommendation: Your signature is requested on the attached memorandum affirming the classification for these select OSS records.

7s/ Michael J. Malanick

Michael J. Malanick

Attachment: a/s

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Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 5E(1) and (2) of Executive Order 11652, I hereby certify that the documents originated by, containing information or clearly attributable to the Office of Strategic Services listed on the attached Standard Forms 325 require continued national security protection beyond 30 years. They should be segregated from the other documents in their respective record groups and be protected until 31 December 2020.

The documents listed have been randomly located in the National Archives Record Groups 38, 43, 51, 59, 74, 84, 85, 92, 107, 165, 169, 175, 208, 218, 226, 227, 238, 253, 260, 263, 289, 313, 319, 330, 331, 332, 334, 338, 353, 373, and 407. These documents were reviewed by official Agency representatives in cooperation with the staff of your Records Declassification Division.

Yours sincerely,

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